

GOVERNOR IS SILENT IN MATTER OF GRUNE

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Governor Pinkham yesterday expressed himself as deprecating discussion of the case of former Cpl. Martin Grune, N. G. H., who was dismissed from the guard on a showing that he had stated, as a German, being naturalized, that he would not fight for the United States against Germany in case there should be war between the two countries. The case was the subject of much discussion about the city yesterday.

"I do not want to discuss the matter," said the Governor, when asked for expression of opinion. "I think that the less these international relationships are talked about the better. I try to be impartial. I try to look at things from an impartial point of view and to see things, as Americans should, from all sides. And I do not want to talk about the Grune case."

Grune has taken out his first papers as an applicant for American citizenship, but it is presumed, on the showing of his national guard record, that he will not press the application for final papers, and that if he does he might be denied them.

"I should think," said Attorney General Stainback, discussing this feature of Grune's future status, "that he cannot become legally a citizen if he is not ready to assume the liabilities of citizenship. No man who wants the benefits of American citizenship and is not ready to assume the liabilities ought to be granted citizenship. If Mr. Grune's views have been correctly quoted, he had no right to be in the national guard."